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1. eight dark gray Soviet destroyers of the SKORYY class were observed in the Bay of Danzig. They were in two formations of four vessels each. The distance between the destroyers was approximately 150 meters and they were in a line formation. There were on both sides of each formation four modern MTBs (16 in all) of the ELCO or HIGGINS type. Each destroyer had 50X1-HUM radar antennas at the top of the mast. (See sketch of the radar antennas on page 2.) Lifeboats were swung out on the starboard side. There were two turret-guns, one on the foredeck and one on the afterdeck. The bridge was abaft and above the forward antiaircraft guns. There were multi-barrel antiaircraft guns between the bridge and the afterdeck turret-gun. The fire control system was located directly aft of the bridge. The destroyers had two sets of torpedo tubes. The stacks were peculiarly 50X1-HUM small The destroyers' S-band radar, which was firmly emplaced, was a 10 cm device with a five-second traversing speed. Within limited distances at sea level, the radar pulse was very strong, with numerous side echos. In general, these destroyers gave a good appearance and seemed seaworthy. Because of the small afterdeck and the low level of the entire deck, the destroyers seemed to be designed for use only in the Baltic Sea.

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2. The 16 MTBs were all painted a lighter color than the destroyers. They were all equipped with radar. At one point, when the MTBs traveled at 36 to 37 knots, their bows rose out of the water as far as the bridge. The MTBs were powered by gasoline engines. They were equipped with two torpedo tubes and had light antiaircraft guns on the foredeck and the afterdeck. These MTBs had a clean and seaworthy appearance but their capacity did not equal that of the S-boats of the former German Navy.

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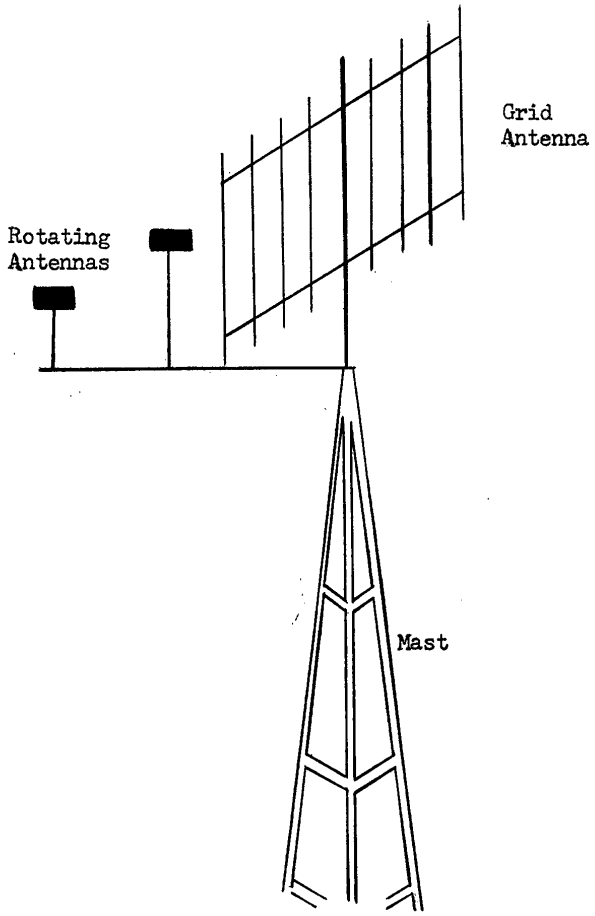
Sketch of the Radar Antennas on the Destroyers



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